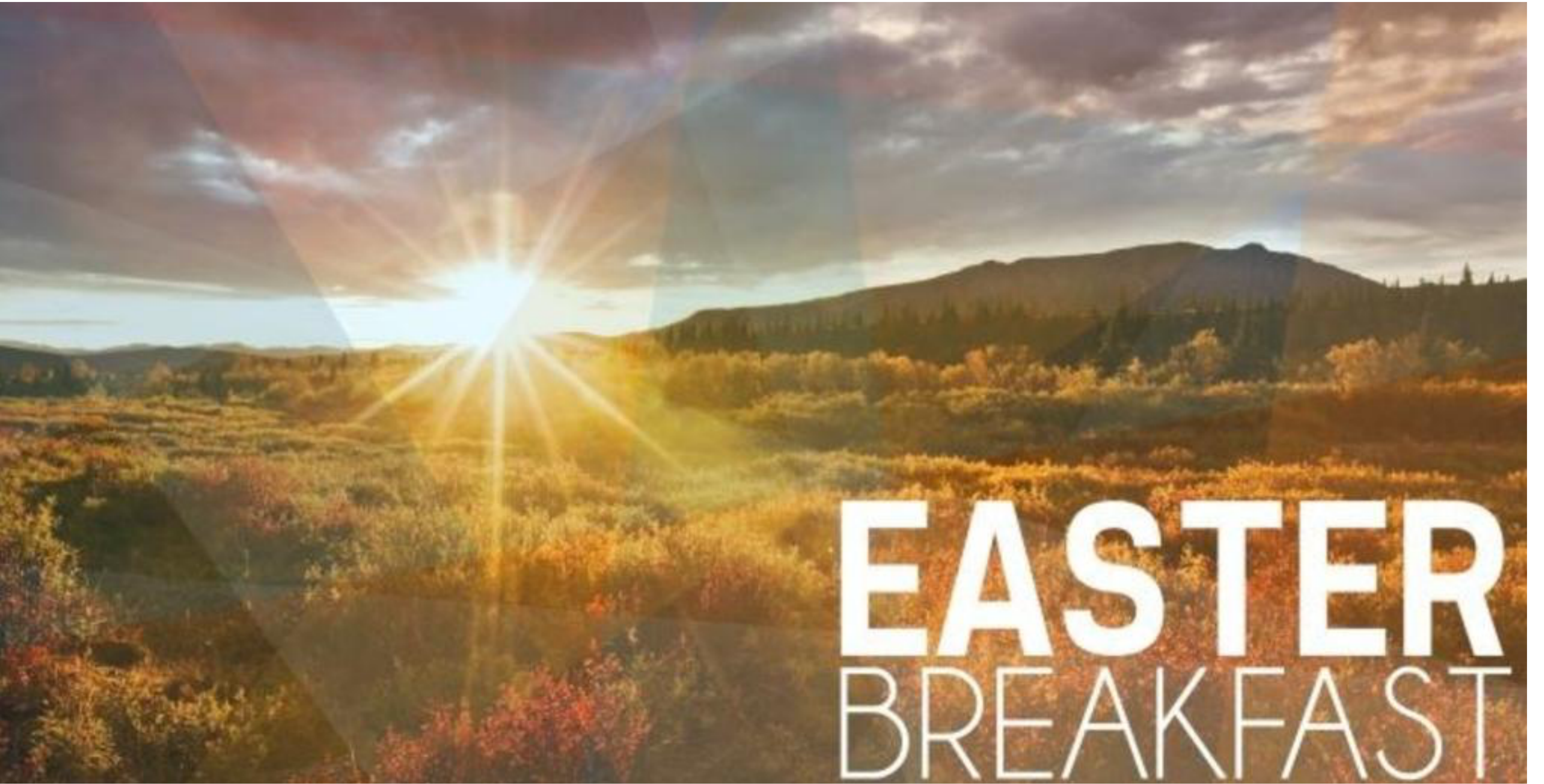


# **Pillar Events of Salvation**

## **Part 1**





# EASTER BREAKFAST



# **1. The Counsel of Peace:**

**Zechariah 6:13 (KJV)** — 13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

**Acts 2:23 (KJV)** — 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

**Revelation 13:8 (KJV)** — 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

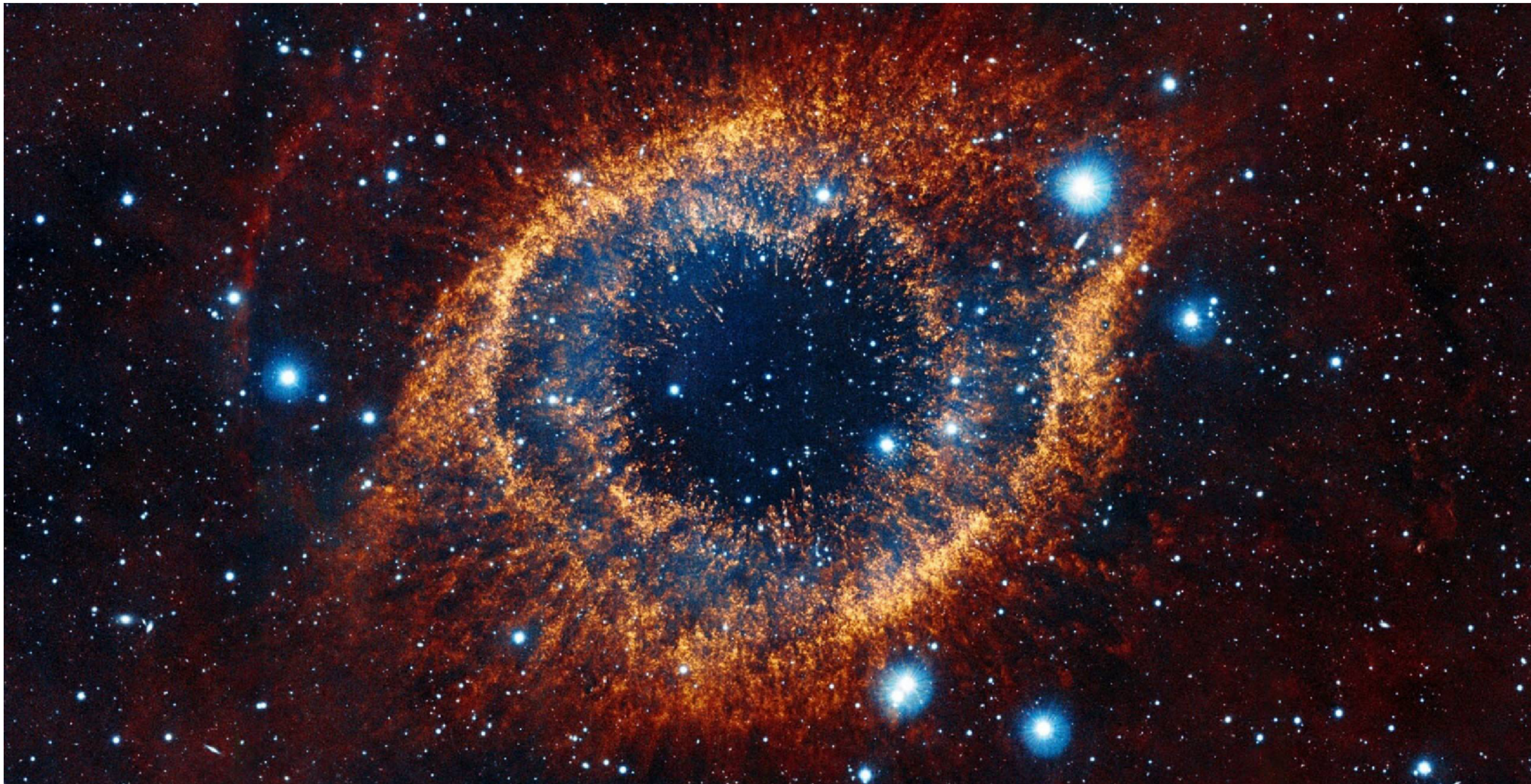


The purpose and plan of grace existed from all eternity. Before the foundation of the world it was according to the determinate counsel of God that man should be created, endowed with power to do the divine will. But the defection of man, with all its consequences, was not hidden from the Omnipotent, and yet it did not deter him from carrying out his eternal purpose; for the Lord would establish his throne in righteousness.

God knows the end from the beginning; “known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. [Acts 15:18]” Therefore redemption was not an afterthought—a plan formulated after the fall of Adam—but an eternal purpose to be wrought out for the blessing not only of this atom of a world but for the good of all the worlds which God has created. (*Signs of the Times*, April 25, 1892, par. 1)

The creation of the worlds, the mystery of the gospel, are for one purpose, to make manifest to all created intelligences, through nature and through Christ, the glories of the divine character. By the marvelous display of his love in giving “his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” the glory of God is revealed to lost humanity and to the intelligences of other worlds. . . . (*Signs of the Times*, April 25, 1892, par. 2)





# **2. Creation**

**Genesis 1:1 (KJV)** — 1 In the beginning God created the  
heaven and the earth.

**Psalm 19:1–4 (KJV)** — 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun



**Genesis 2:1–3 (KJV)** — 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

**Psalm 51:10 (KJV)** — 10 Create in me a clean heart, O  
God; and renew a right spirit within me.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) — 17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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# **3. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ:**

**John 1:1 (KJV)** — 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14 (KJV)** — 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

When we want a deep problem to study, let us fix our minds on the most marvelous thing that ever took place in earth or heaven—the incarnation of the Son of God. God gave His Son to die for sinful human beings a death of ignominy and shame. He who was Commander in the heavenly courts laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothing His divinity with humanity, came to this world to stand at the head of the human race as the pattern-man. . . . (*Letters and Manuscripts*, vol. 18, Ms 76, 1903, par. 18)

**1 Peter 2:21–22 (KJV)** — 21 For even hereunto were ye called:  
because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example,  
that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither  
was guile found in his mouth:



**Hebrews 2:14–15 (KJV)** — 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**Hebrews 2:16–18 (KJV)** — 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

# **4. The Death of the Cross**

**Matthew 27:33 (KJV)** — 33 And when they were come unto  
a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

[κρανίον – *kranion*]

**Luke 23:33 (KJV)** — 33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary [*κρανίον* – *kranion*], there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

**Philippians 2:5–8 (KJV)** — 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

**Romans 3:23 (KJV)** — 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Hebrews 9:22 (KJV)** — 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

**Colossians 1:20 (KJV)** — 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.



**1 John 4:19 (KJV) — 19 We love him, because he first loved us.**

**2 Corinthians 5:14 (KJV) — 14** For the love of Christ  
constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for  
all, then were all dead:

Satan had accused God of requiring self-denial of the angels, when he knew nothing of what it meant himself, and when he would not himself make any self-sacrifice for others. This was the accusation that Satan made against God in heaven; and after the evil one was expelled from heaven, he continually charged the Lord with exacting service which he would not render himself. Christ came to the world to meet these false accusations, and to reveal the Father. (*The Review and Herald*, February 18, 1890, par. 2)

**1 Corinthians 2:1–2 (KJV)** — 1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

**Galatians 6:14 (KJV)** — 14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

**1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV) — 27** But I keep under my body,  
and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I  
have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

**Romans 12:1–2 (KJV)** — 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**Exodus 20:8 (KJV)** — 8 Remember the sabbath day, to  
keep it holy.



At last Jesus was at rest. The long day of shame and torture was ended. As the last rays of the setting sun ushered in the Sabbath, the Son of God lay in quietude in Joseph's tomb. His work completed, His hands folded in peace, He rested through the sacred hours of the Sabbath day. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 769.1)

In the beginning the Father and the Son had rested upon the Sabbath after Their work of creation. When “the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them” (Genesis 2:1), the Creator and all heavenly beings rejoiced in contemplation of the glorious scene. “The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.” Job 38:7. Now Jesus rested from the work of redemption; and though there was grief among those who loved Him on earth, yet there was joy in heaven.

Glorious to the eyes of heavenly beings was the promise of the future. A restored creation, a redeemed race, that having conquered sin could never fall,—this, the result to flow from Christ's completed work, God and angels saw. With this scene the day upon which Jesus rested is forever linked. For "His work is perfect;" and "whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever." Deuteronomy 32:4; Ecclesiastes 3:14.

When there shall be a “restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began” (Acts 3:21), the creation Sabbath, the day on which Jesus lay at rest in Joseph’s tomb, will still be a day of rest and rejoicing. Heaven and earth will unite in praise, as “from one Sabbath to another” (Isaiah 66:23) the nations of the saved shall bow in joyful worship to God and the Lamb.

*(The Desire of Ages, p. 769.2)*